number of suit filed accounts of Public Sector banks and financial institutions as on 31st March, 2000 is as under:—

	Suit filed accounts of Rs. 1 crore and above	Suit filed cased of wilful defaults of Rs. 25 lakhs and above
(i) Public Sector Banks (accounts of Rs. 1 crore and above)	4303	131
(ii) Financial Institutions *i.e.* IDBI, IFCI & ICICI)	1166	10

(d) The date reporting system does not generate such information.

Cess on petrol collected from Karnataka

1010. SHRI K. C. KONDAIAH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) by when the cess on the sale of petrol and diesel was introduced;

(b) whether it is a fact that Re. 1/- is being collected as cess on the sale of every litre of petrol and diesel;

(c) the total kilo litres of petrol and diesel sold in Karnataka so far from the date of introduction of the above cess;

(d) the total amount of cess so far collected from Karnataka;

(e) the criteria being followed in distributing this cess to the State; and

(f) the amount released to Karnataka towards the collection from the above cess so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI GINGEE N. RAMACHANDRAN): (a) and (b) Initially an additional duty of Re. 1/- per litre was levied on imported as well as domestic motor spirit with effect from 2nd June, 1998. Similarly an

additional duty of Re. 1/- per litre was levied on imported as well as domestic HSD with effect from 28th February, 1999. These two levies have subsequently been converted into a cess. They are collected at the point of importation and at the point of clearance from the refinery/warehouse respectively.

(c) In the period from June 1998 to March 2001, 1564932 KL of motor spirit and 7184545 KL of high speed diesel were sold in Karnataka.

(d) Information on collection of cess is available only at the aggregate level as indicated in the Expenditure Budget Volume-1.

(e) In the year 2000-2001, a sum of Rs. 2500 crore was earmarked for the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana. The Planning Commission had made an allocation of Rs. 2370 crore to the States/Union Territories based on, *inter-alia*, a weightage of 75% for Need (share of unconnected Habitations in the total unconnected Habitations of the country) and 25% on coverage (share of connected Habitations in the total connected Habitations of the country). The remaining amount of Rs. 130 crore was allocated among the States/Union Territories by the Union Minister of Rural Development.

The funds available for State roads are being distributed to the States/Union territory on the basis of 60% weightage on the basis of consumption of petrol and diesel in the State/UT and 40% weightage to the geographical area of the State/UT.

(f) The amount allocated/released during 2000/2001 to Karnataka under the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana is Rs. 95 crores and Rs. 100.57 crores respectively. During 2000-2001 an amount of Rs. 57.50 crores was earmarked for development and maintenance of State roads in Karnataka and out which Rs. 19.17 crores was released. Further release will be make on receipt of utilization certification.